

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of 07/02/2008 is acknowledged.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. Germany 103 26 816.2 filed on 06/12/2003 and Germany 103 59 259.8 filed on 12/17/2003. ***Information Disclosure Statement***

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/12/2005 and 12/20/2006.

The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.

Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 23-46 directed to non-elected without traverse.
Claim 47 belongs to group II, which previously was considered as group I.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant representative on October 14, 2008.

Accordingly, claims 23-47 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-22 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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7. Regarding the claim 1. the prior art of the record does not teach a supporting method for damping a torsional oscillation in a rotating drive train having at least one electrical machine, comprising the step of applying a damping torque with the electrical machine including inter alias, a damping torque which is applied at a predetermined damping frequency and anti phase to an angular velocity of the torsional oscillation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IRAJ A. MOHANDESI whose telephone number is (571)272-2028. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Quyen Leung can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8188.

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I Mohandesi October 13, 2008

/Nicholas Ponomarenko/
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